

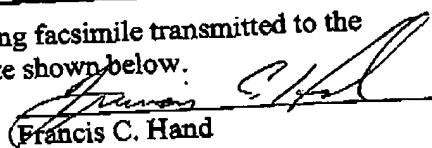
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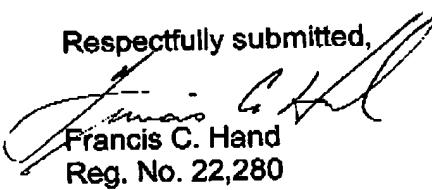
Response to Restriction Requirement

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction, applicant elects the claims of Group 1, that is claims 1 to 12 drawn to a blank.

Reconsideration of the Requirement for Restriction is requested. A comparison of claim 4 with claim 13 shows that the blank of claim 4 and the method of forming a novelty product of claim 13 are interdependent. Further, the method of claim 13 requires a blank of claim 4.

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